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# Dynamics of High Pressure Reacting Shear Flows

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# Outline



- **Past results and current status of AFRL work**
  - Non-reacting review
  - Reacting flow facility description
  - Hot-fire testing preliminary results
- **New variable descriptions**
  - Dimensionless forcing frequency
  - Dimensionless forcing amplitude
- **Shakedown cold flow data**
- **Description of interaction mechanisms**



# Goals



- **Extend previous non-reacting research on subcritical and supercritical acoustic-jet interactions to reacting flow in a canonical coaxial shear flow configuration**
  - Emphasis on the flame holding region
- **Maintain traceability to non-reacting conditions to assess the magnitude of the effect of chemical reactions**
- **Explore inter-element effects**

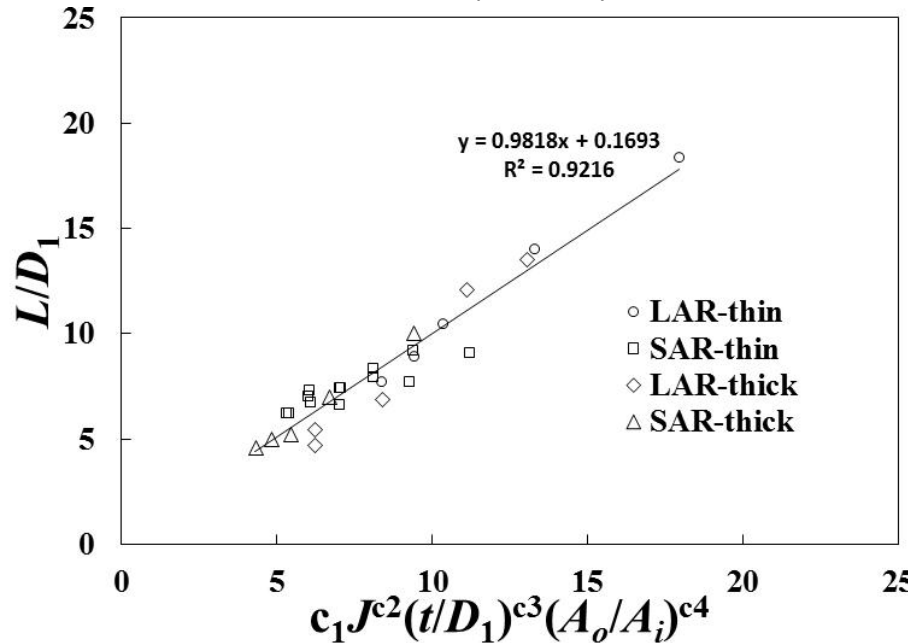
## PAST APPROACH

- **Continue non-reacting research during construction of the reacting facility**

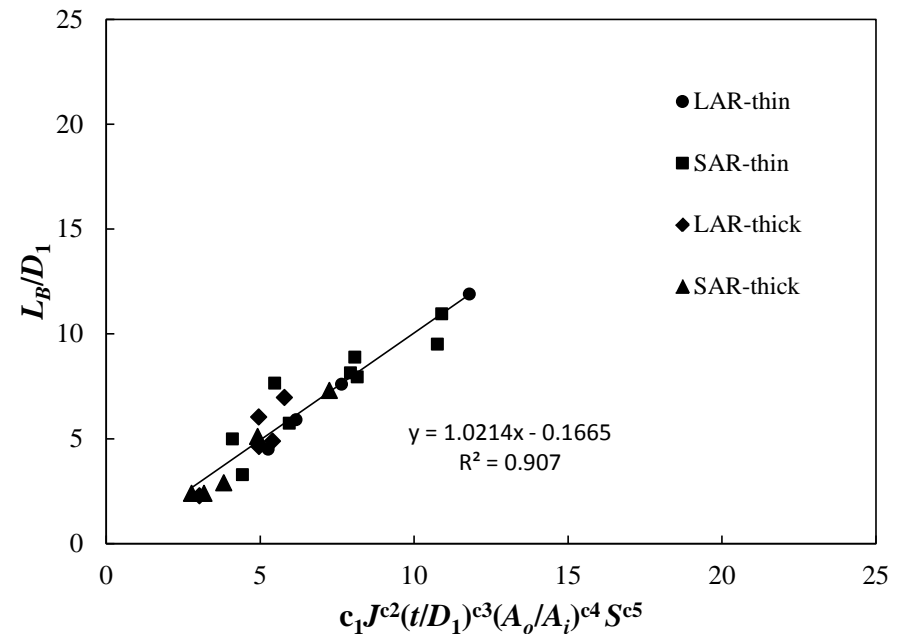


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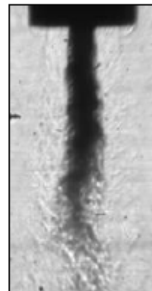
Subcritical ( $Pr=0.44$ )



Supercritical ( $Pr=1.05$ )



- Correlated effects of momentum flux ratio, density ratio, and geometry on dark core length



$$\left(\frac{L}{D_1}\right) = c_1 J^{c_2} \left(\frac{t}{D_1}\right)^{c_3} \left(\frac{A_o}{A_i}\right)^{c_4} \left(\frac{\rho_o J}{\rho_{IJ}}\right)^{c_5}$$

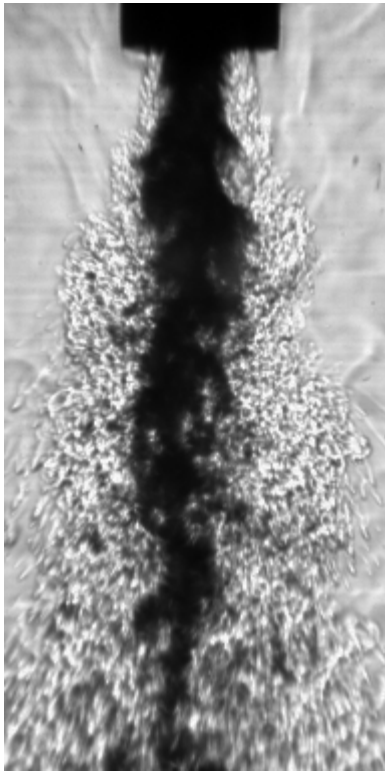
$P_r$	$c_1$	$c_2$	$c_3$	$c_4$	$c_5$
0.44	9	-0.34	-0.15	0.30	
1.05	4.6	-0.42	-0.20	0.07	-0.29



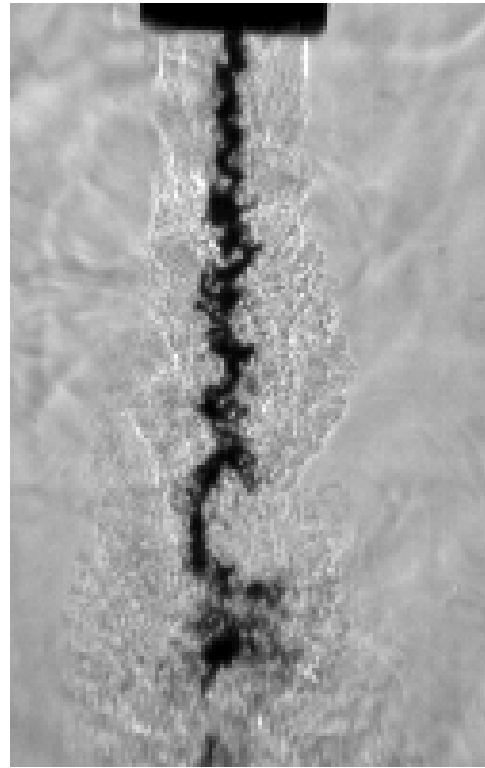
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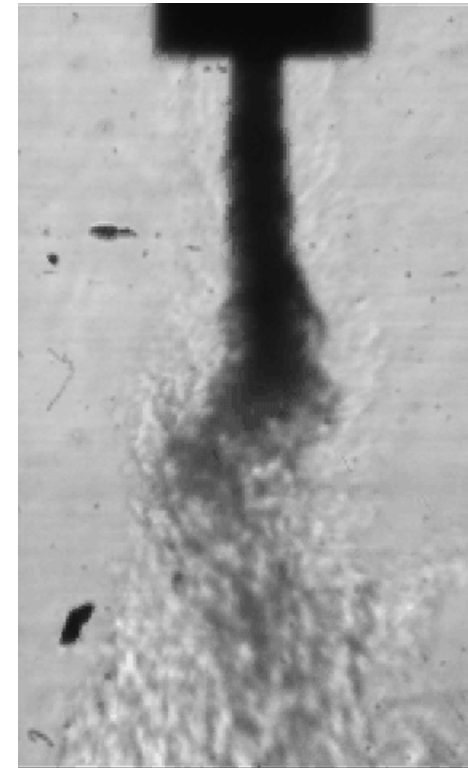
Three main classes of interactive behavior, each with major sub-classes



Pressure coupled



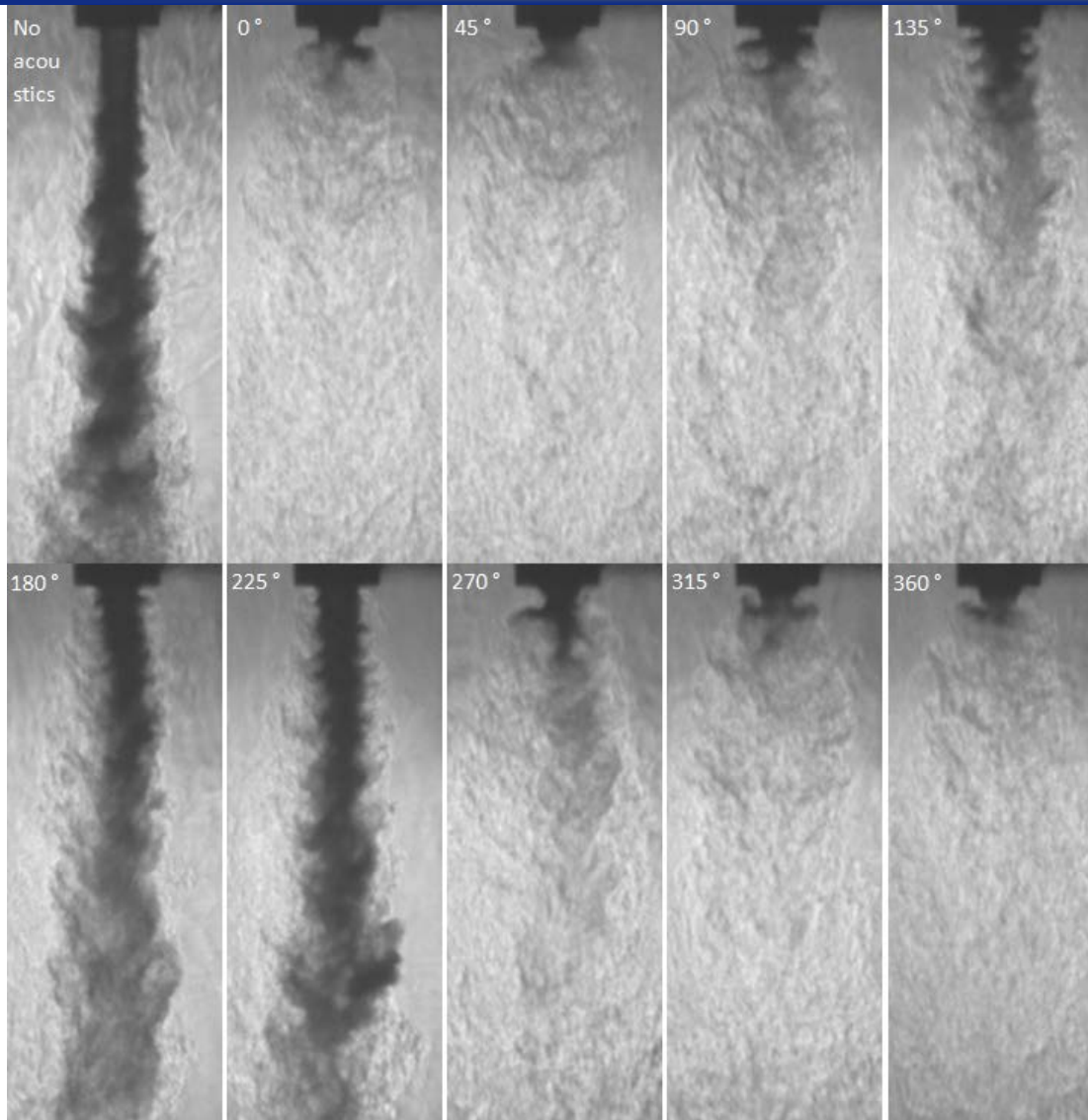
Velocity coupled



Little noticeable response



## An extreme case



$Pr=1.05, J=1.7$

Annihilation of the dark  
core near pressure  
antinodes





# Where we said we would be this year



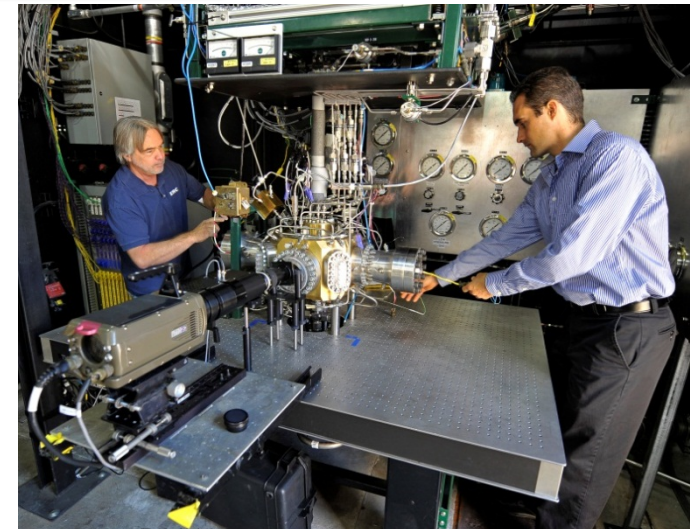
Task	Date
Data Acquisition and Control System Final Check out	Sept 22-30, 2012
Inner chamber fabrication	Now- until December 1, 2012
System Check-out runs	October 2012- February 2013
Heat Exchanger Acceptance Testing	Jan-13
Cold Flow Runs	March - April 2013
Igniter Tests	May-June, 2013
First Hot-fire Data	Aug-Sept, 2013

First LOX/H<sub>2</sub>  
combustion  
achieved in  
October 2013

Before



After

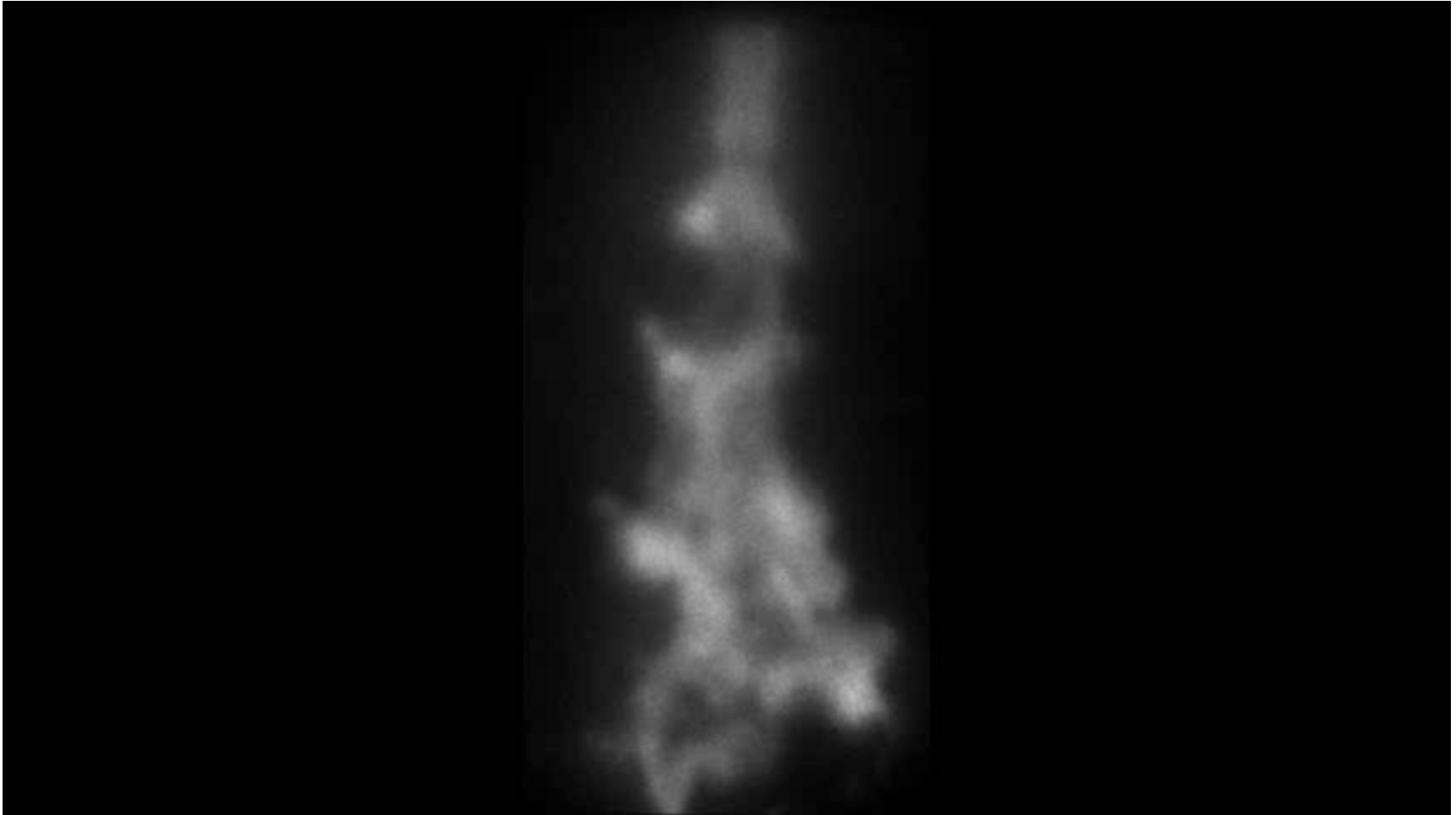


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# OH\* emission at 400 psia





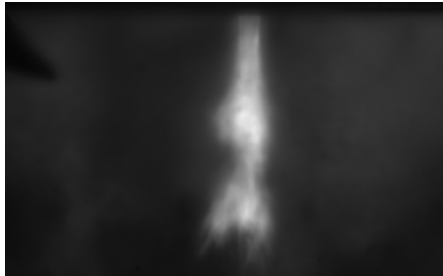
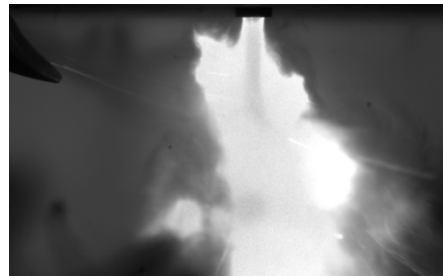
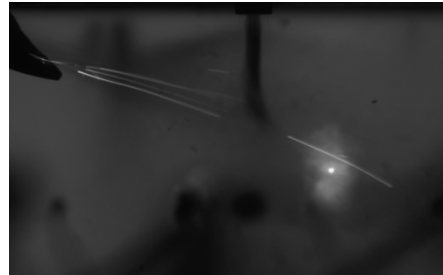
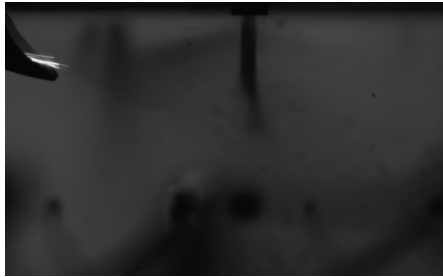
# Features of the experimental facility



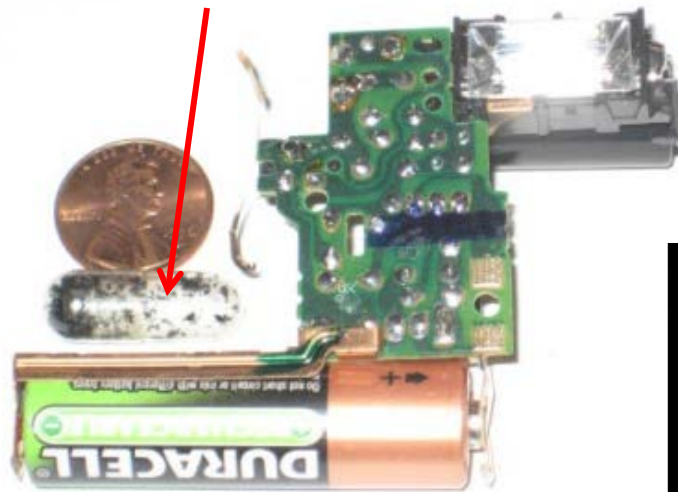
- **Complete control of acoustic phase**
  - Pressure node to pressure antinode and all phases in between
- **Precise control of amplitude**
  - No reliance on feedback from combustion to acoustics
- **Precise control of pressure**
  - Subcritical and supercritical
  - Pressurized externally in a large volume, little influence of combustion
- **Precise control of LOX temperature to within 1K**
  - Large sensitivity to temperature near the critical pressure
- **Completely new method of ignition for simplicity and operability at high pressures**



# Nanotube photo ignition method



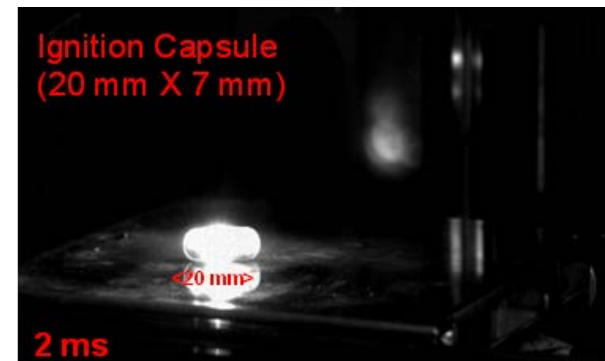
Carbon nanotube capsule



Original development  
under AFOSR funding  
from Mike Berman

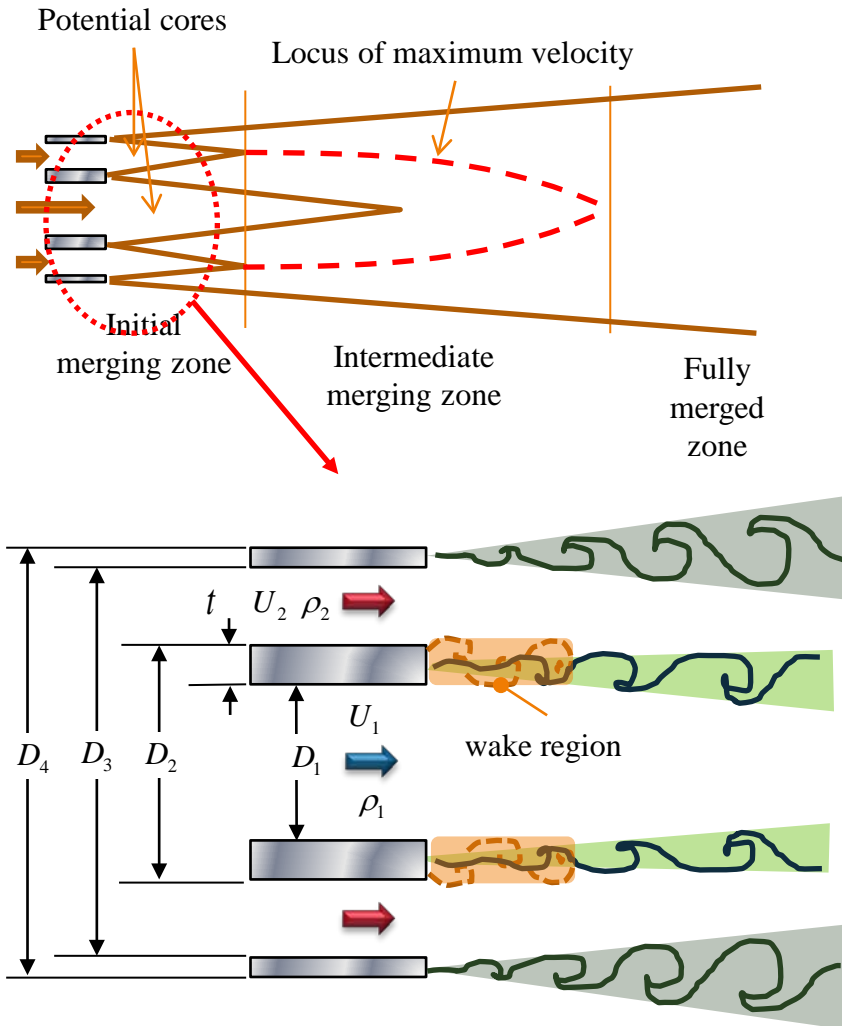


Developed into a high  
pressure igniter under  
Mitat Birkan





# Coaxial Jets



## Geometry parameters

Area ratio

$$AR = \frac{D_3^2 - D_2^2}{D_1^2}$$

Dimensionless post thickness

$$\frac{t}{D_1}$$

## Flow parameters

$Re_i = \frac{\rho_1 U_1 D_1}{\mu_1}$        $Re_i = \frac{\rho_2 U_2 (D_3 - D_2)}{\mu_2}$

$J = \frac{\rho_2 U_2^2}{\rho_1 U_1^2}$        $r = \frac{U_2}{U_1}$

$s_1 = \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1}$        $s_2 = \frac{\rho_3}{\rho_2}$

## Inflow boundary conditions

- Mean velocity profiles
- RMS fluctuation profiles
- Spectral content



# Forced Coaxial Jets

## 1. Transverse Acoustic mode from chamber/siren

- $f=f(c, \text{geometry})$

## 2. Acoustic modes propellant lines

- $f \sim c/2L$

## 3. Post wake

- $St=ft/U_{ch}$

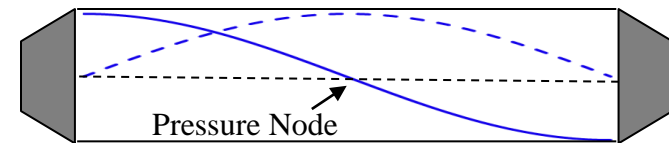
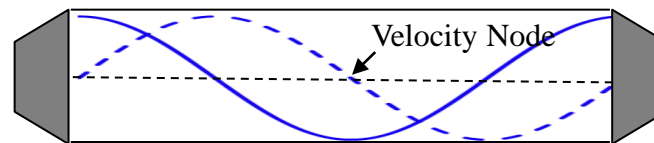
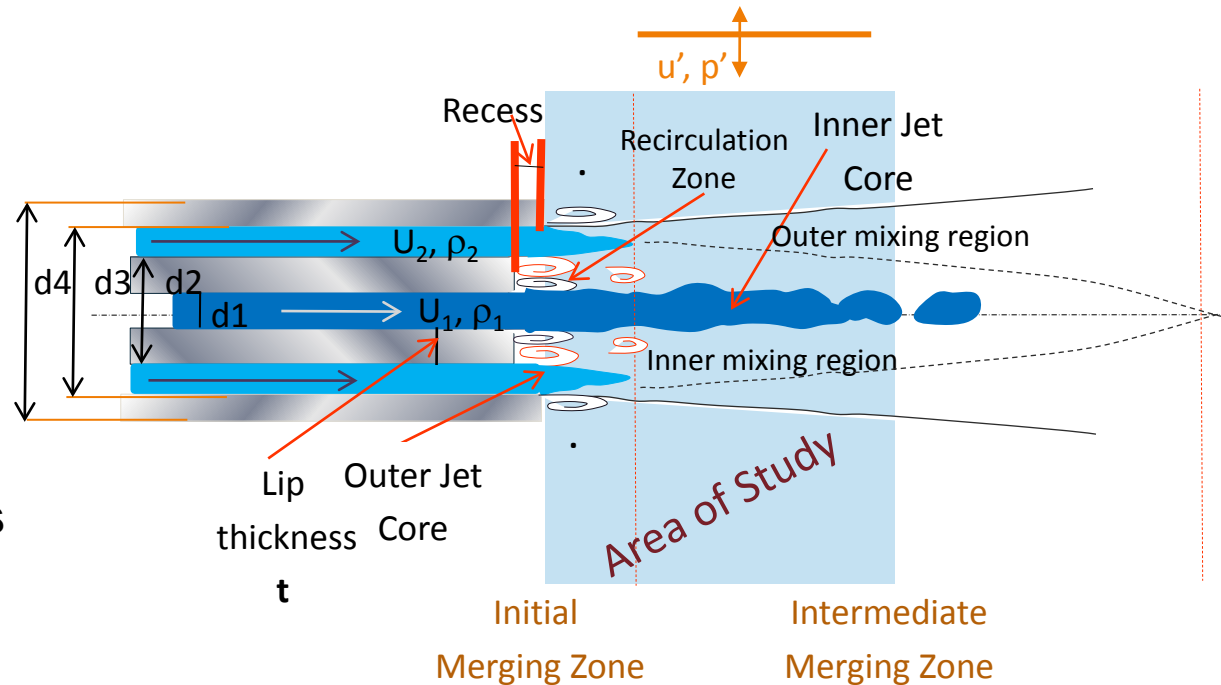
## 4. Shear layer instabilities

- $St_\theta=f\theta/U_{ch}$

## 5. Jet preferred modes

- $St=fD_{ij}/U_{ij}$

Very low density ratio regime:  $0.005 < \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} < 0.1$





# New Forcing Characterization

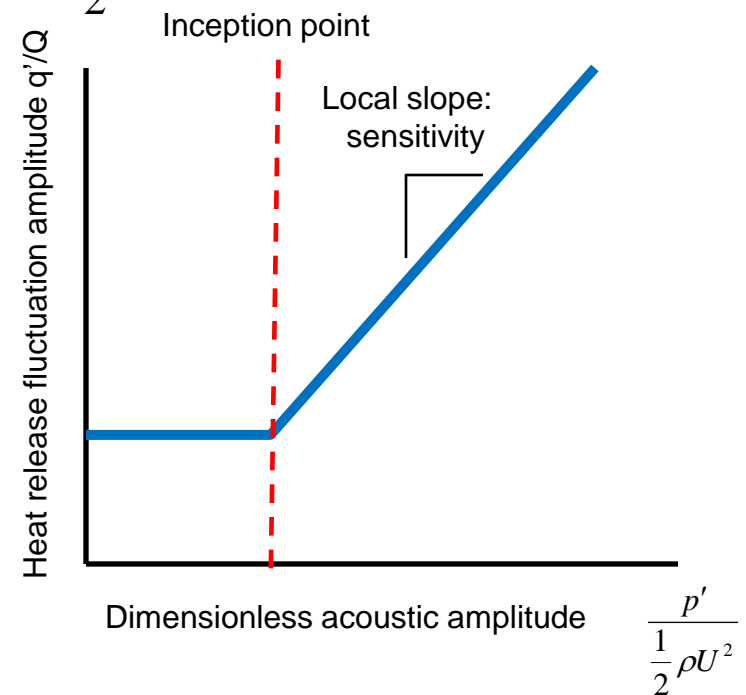
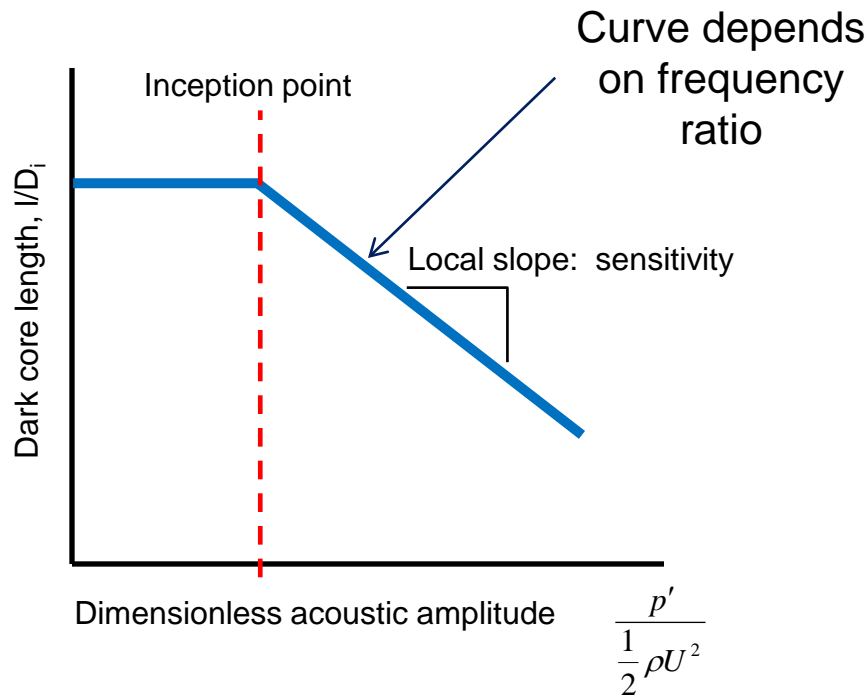
- Shift pressure normalization from chamber pressure to injector dynamic pressure

$$P' / \bar{P}_c \rightarrow \frac{P'}{\rho U^2 / 2}$$

- Identify receptivity inception point—threshold for coupling between acoustics and flame

$$F = \frac{f_{forcing}}{f_{jet}}$$

$$A = \frac{p'}{\frac{1}{2} \rho U^2}$$

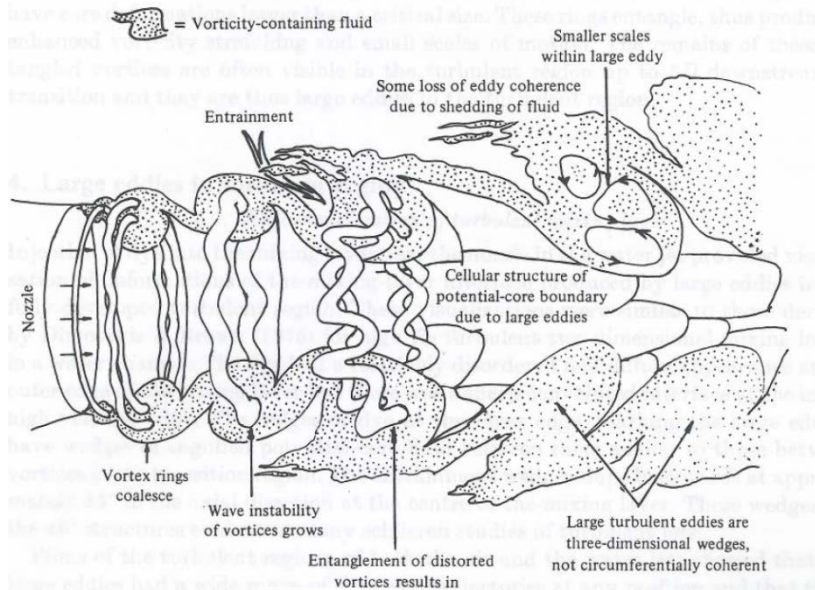






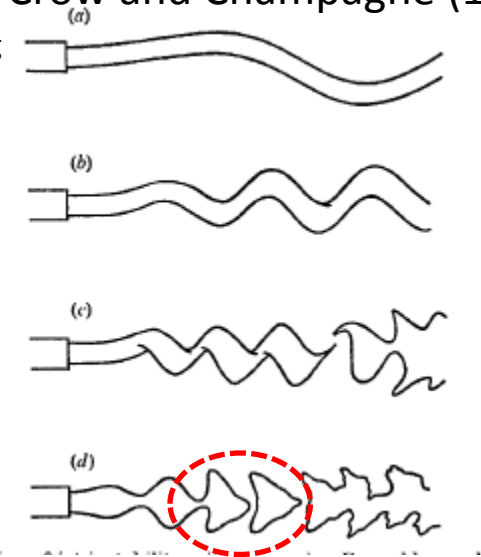
# Characteristic Jet Frequencies

From Yule (1978),  $St \sim 0.3-0.4$



From Crow and Champagne (1971)

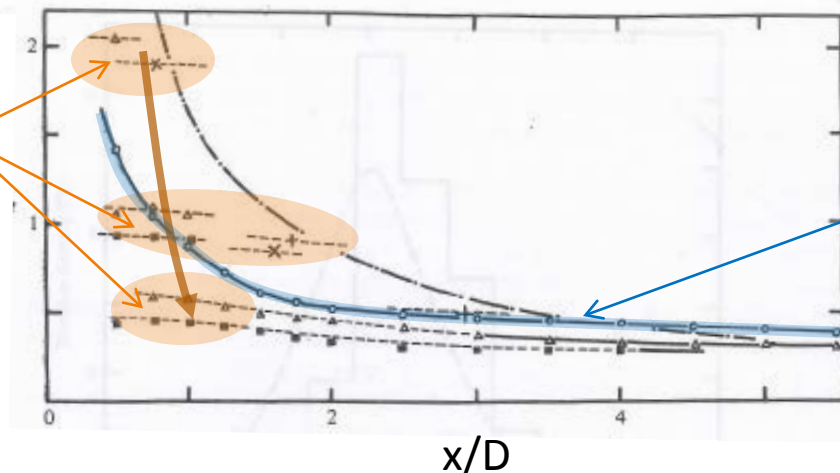
Increasing  
 $Re$



$St \sim 0.3$

Discrete pairing  
in laminar  
region

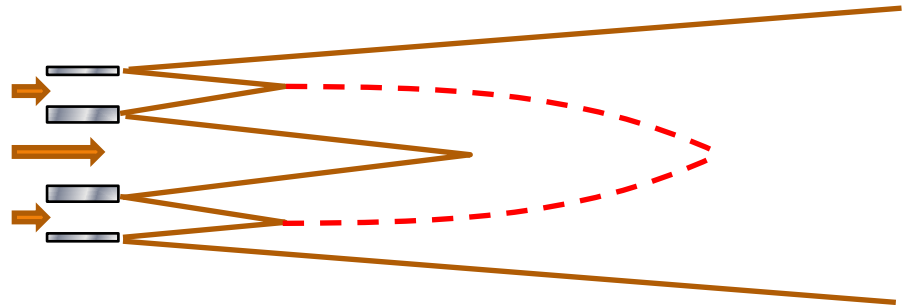
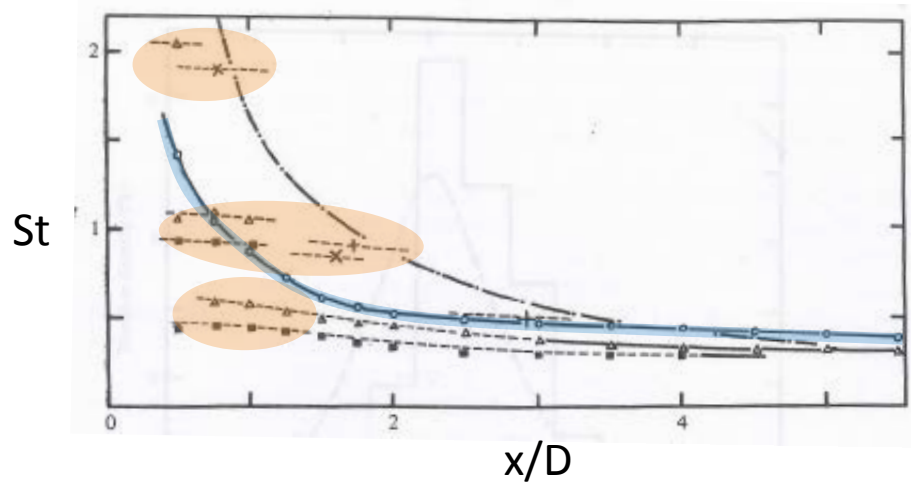
$St$



Turbulent  
region



# Coaxial Jet Frequencies



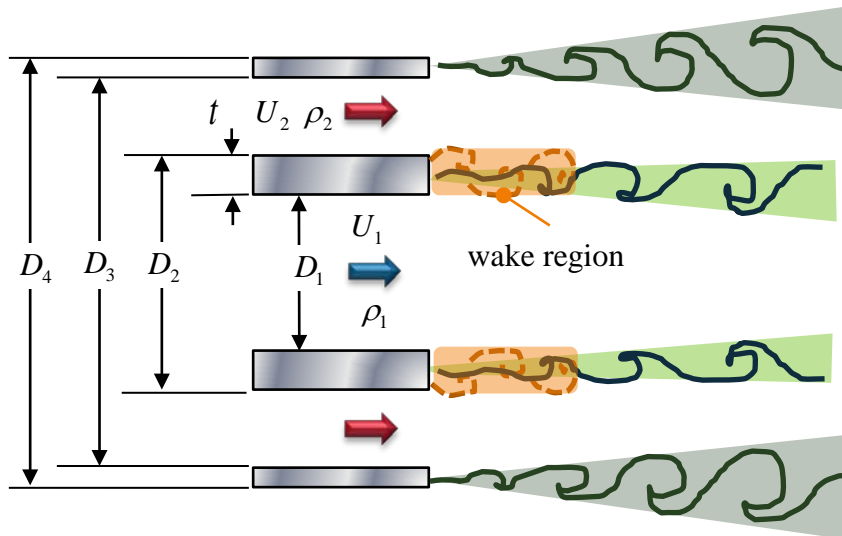
## Phenomena that govern spectral features of coaxial jets

- Two shear layers exhibiting unique streamwise frequency distribution
- One shear layer driving the other (Dahm, Frieler, and Tryggvason 1992)
- Inner post wake instability
- Inflow turbulence
- Hydrodynamics where the shear layers merge (i.e. end of potential cores)
- Instabilities associated with two-phase flow (i.e. We number effects)



# Unforced Coaxial Jets

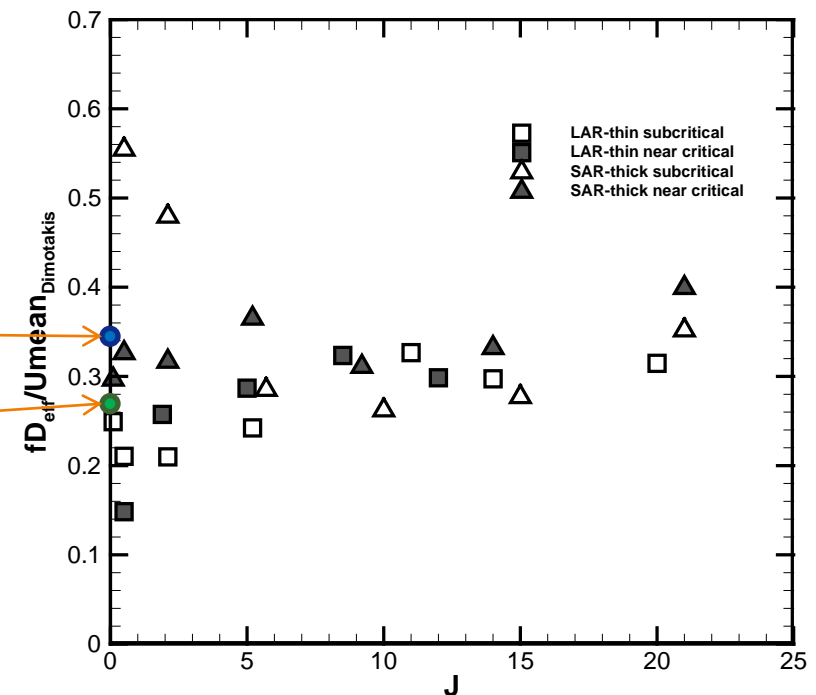
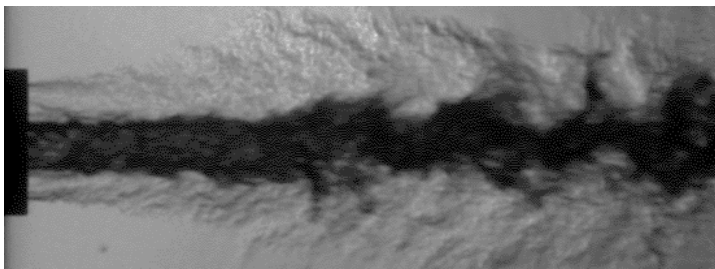
## • Frequencies, convection velocities



$$U_{mean\_Dimotakis} = \frac{U_o \rho_o^{1/2} + U_i \rho_i^{1/2}}{\rho_o^{1/2} + \rho_i^{1/2}}$$

Ko and Davies (free jet, 1971)

Ko and Kwan (inner shear layer of coaxial jet, 1971)





# Shakedown Data



- **Cold flow data collected during facility shakedown**
  - Demonstrate operation of facility components
  - Identify delay times necessary to develop ignition sequence
  - Generate supporting evidence for Strouhal number scaling law
  - Explore sensitivity of receptivity to frequency and amplitude ratio

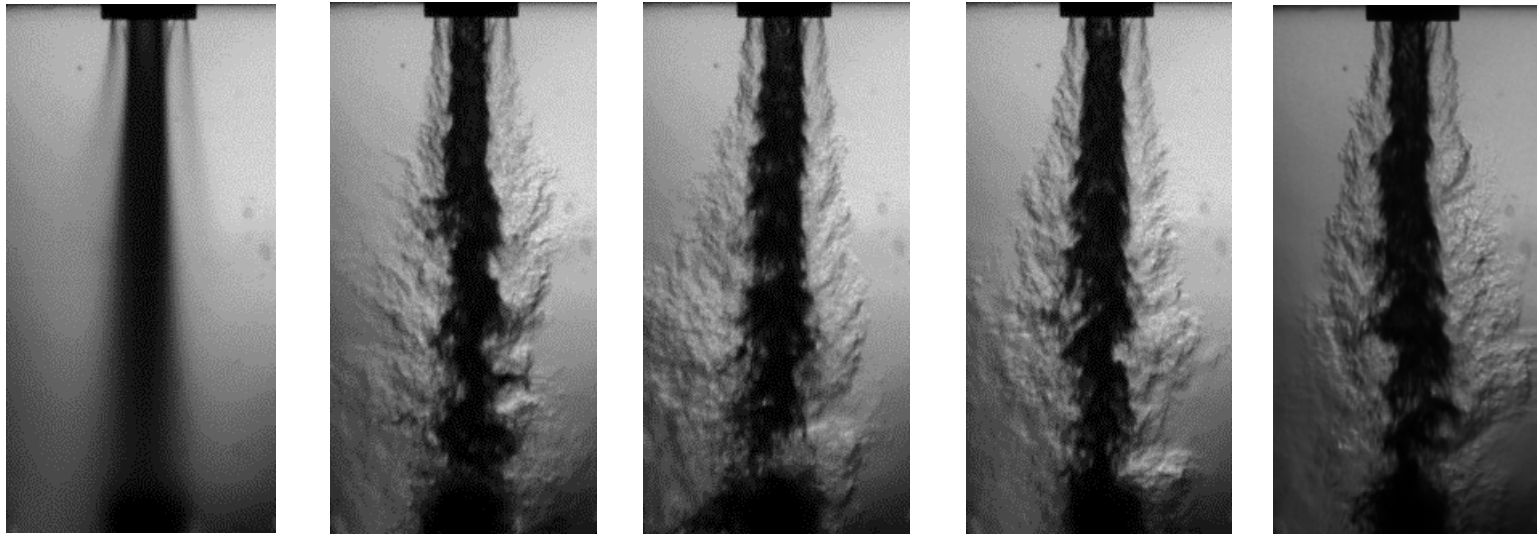
***Select cold flow cases that have corresponding reacting flow conditions.***



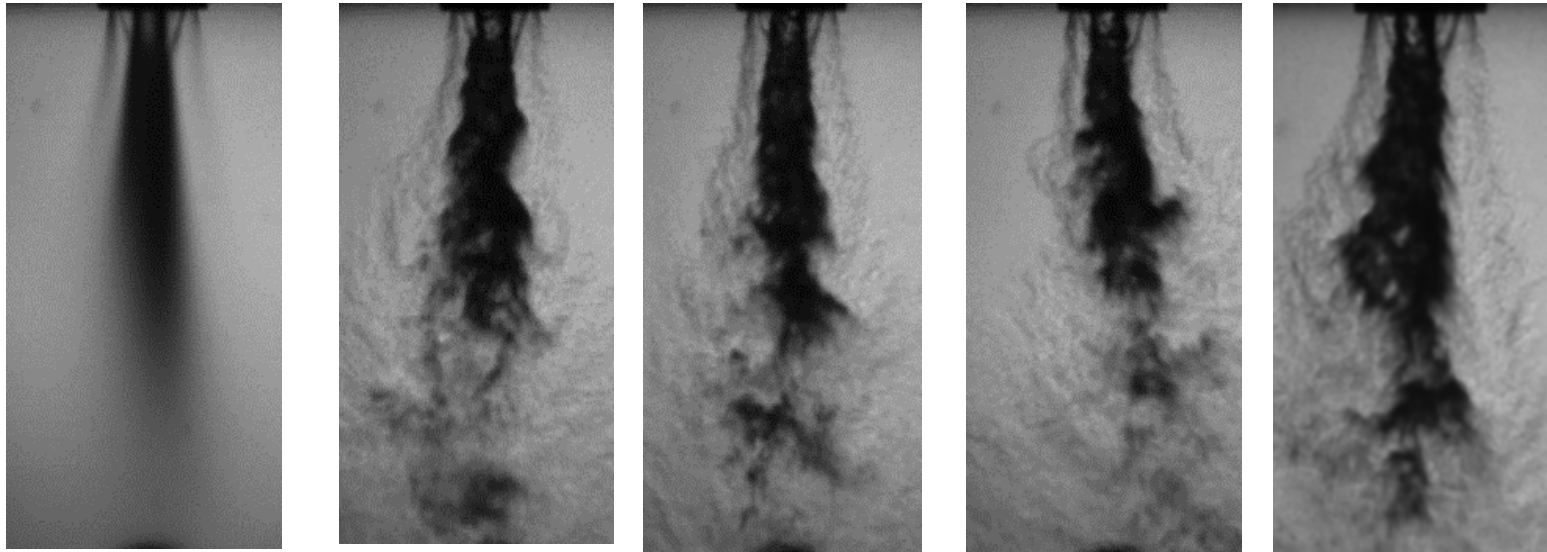
# Unforced Coaxial Jets



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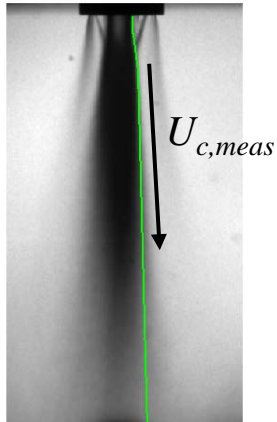
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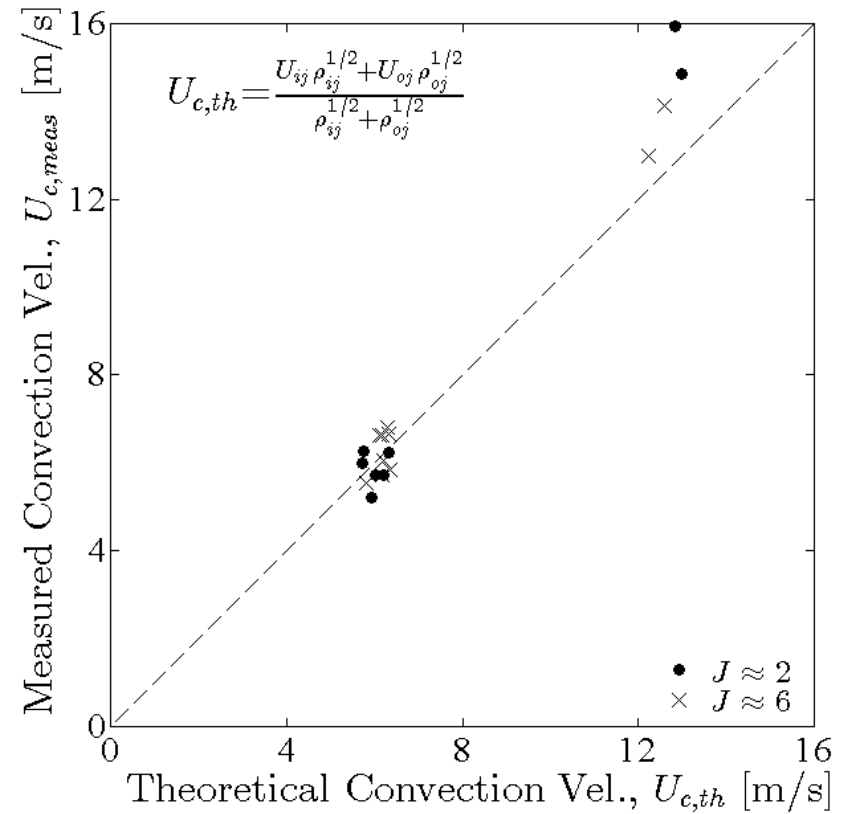
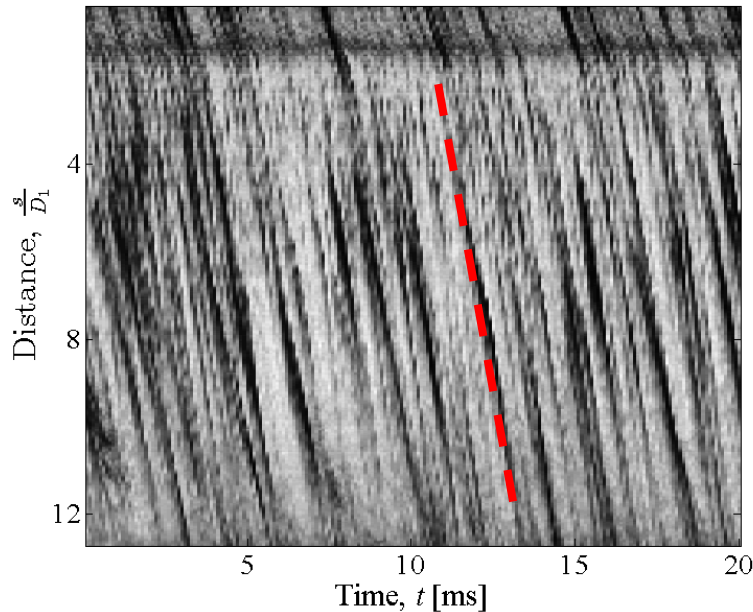


# Convection Velocity



Verify the accuracy of the Dimotakis (1986) expression for shear layer convection velocity for these flow conditions.

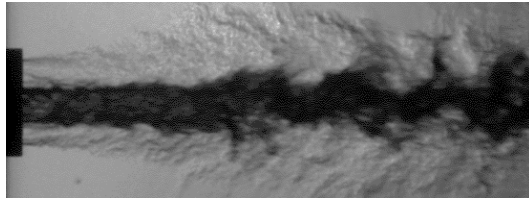
$$U_{c,meas} = \frac{\Delta s}{\Delta t}$$



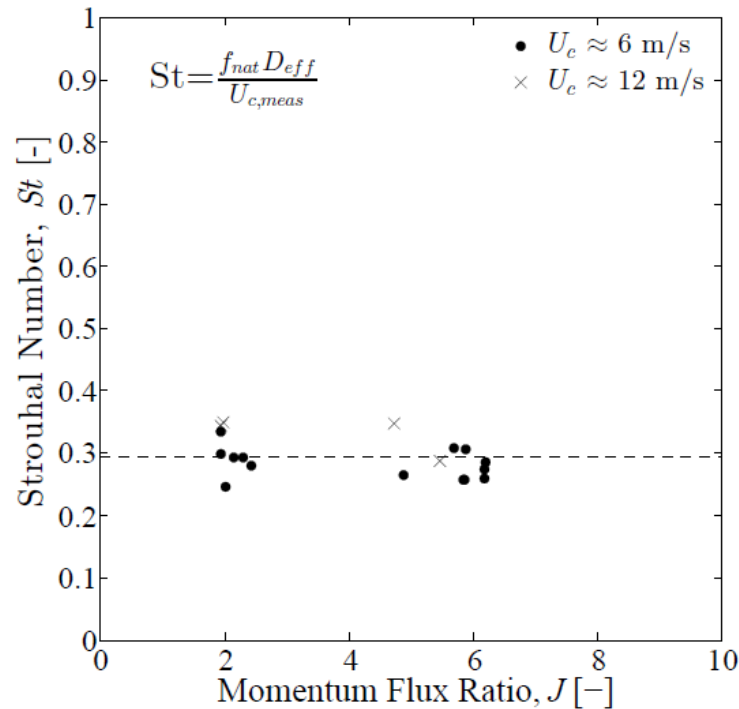
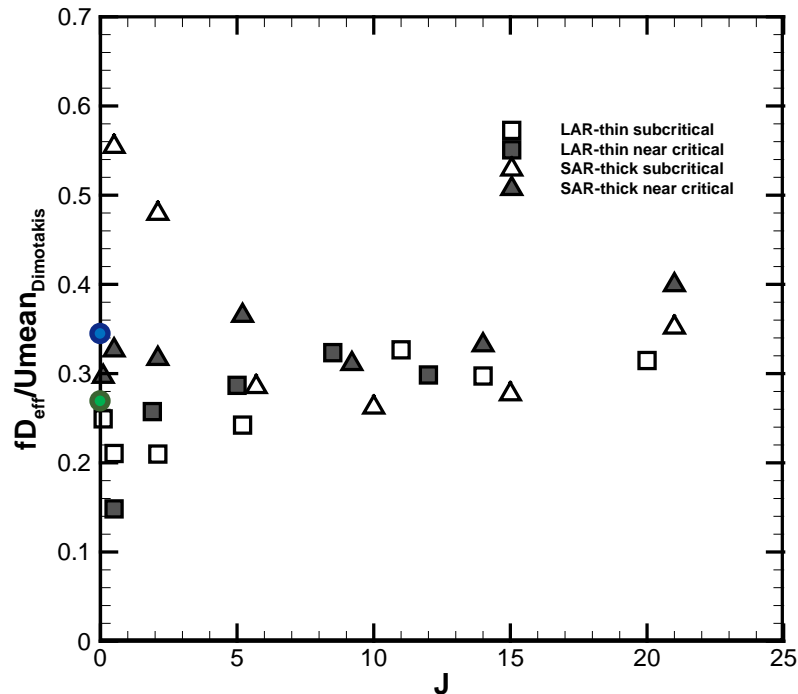
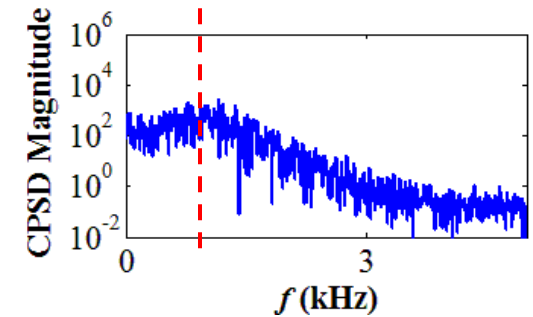
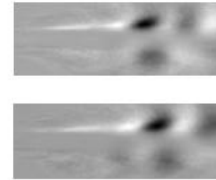




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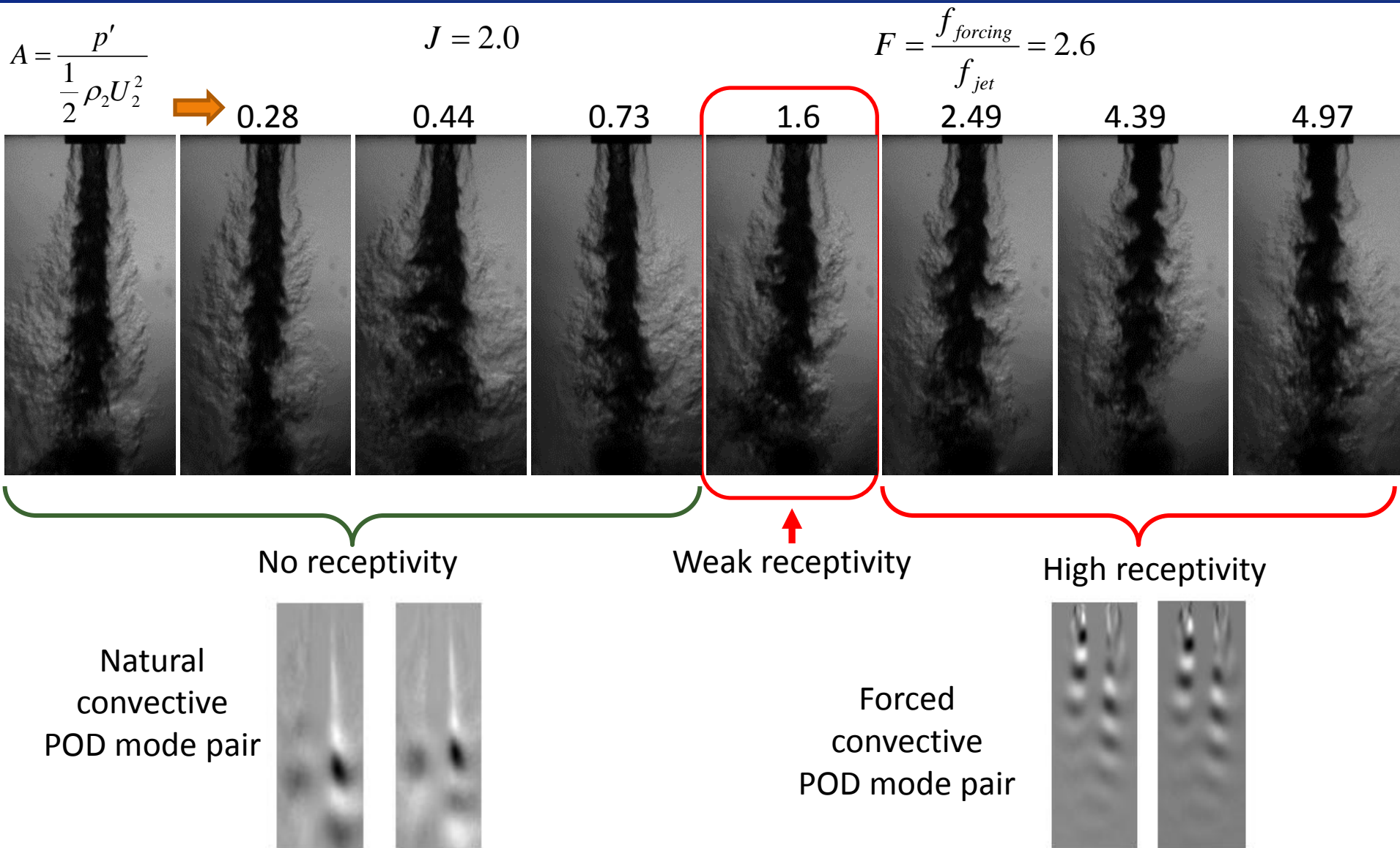


Most  
energetic  
convective  
mode pair  
from POD



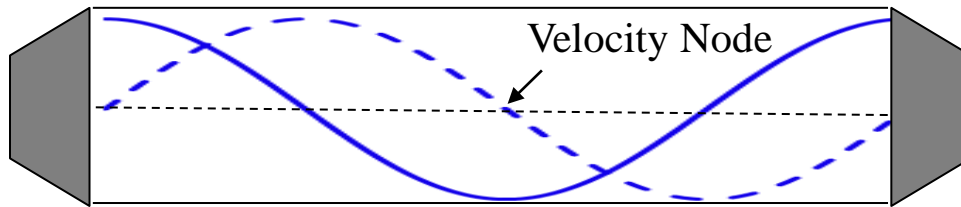


# Pressure Antinode Response





# Pressure Antinode Mechanism



Outer jet mass  
flow pulsations

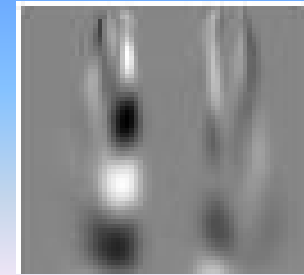
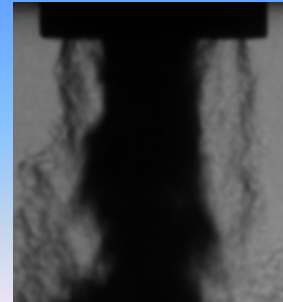
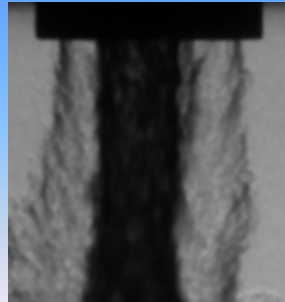
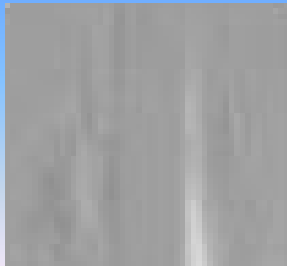
POD structure

unforced

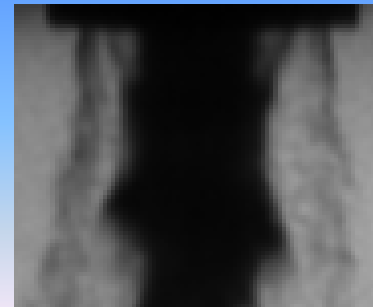
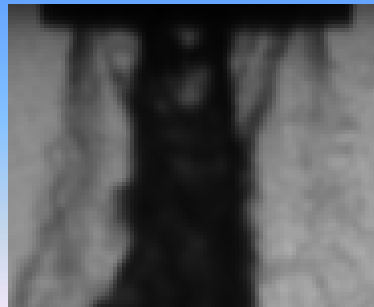
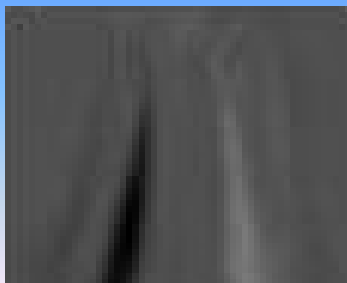
Max forcing

POD structure

$J = 2$



$J = 6$





# Pressure Node Response

$$J = 2.0$$

$$F = \frac{f_{\text{forcing}}}{f_{\text{jet}}} = 2.6$$

$U' = 0$

0.06 m/s

0.12 m/s

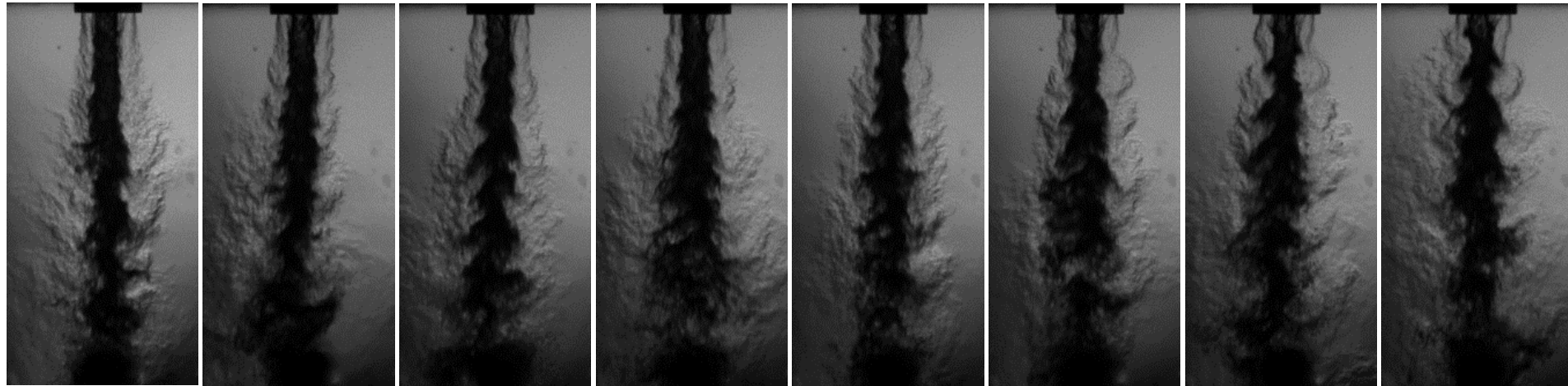
0.16 m/s

0.25 m/s

0.34 m/s

0.52 m/s

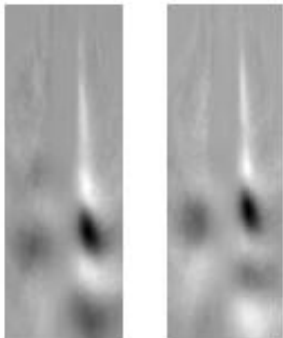
0.72 m/s



No receptivity

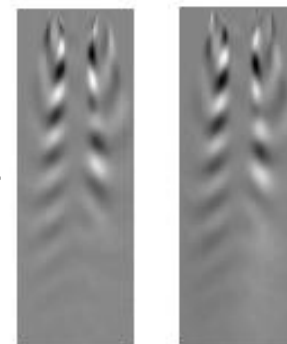
Weak receptivity

High receptivity



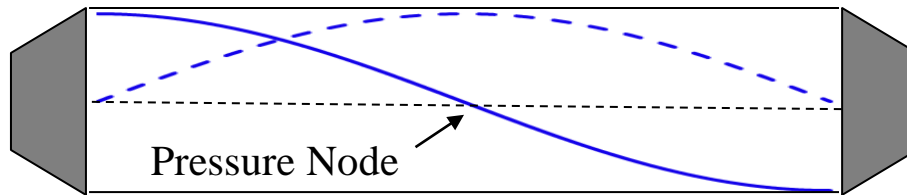
Natural  
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POD mode pair

Forced  
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POD mode pair



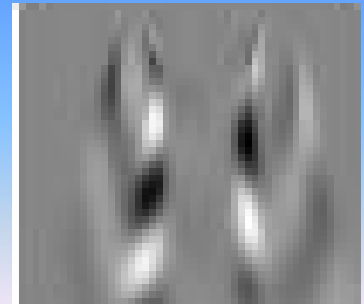
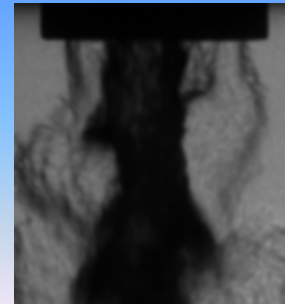
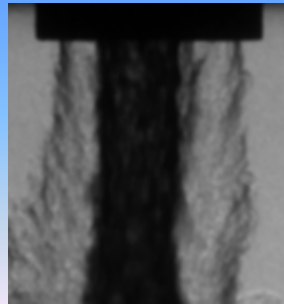
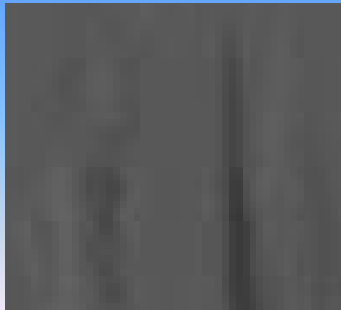


# Pressure Node Mechanism

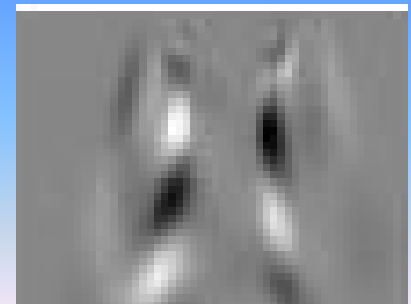
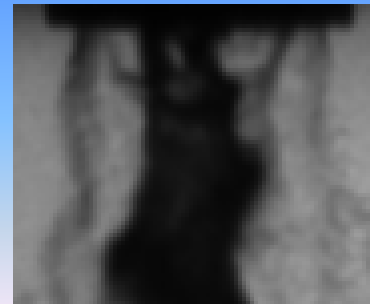
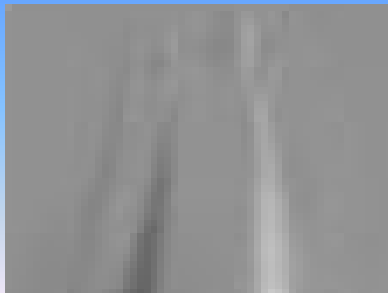


Apparent excitation of antisymmetric mode in the outer jet that drives instabilities in the inner jet

$J = 2$



$J = 6$





# Summary and Future Work



- **AFRL ready to commence reacting flow experiments with acoustics**
- **Target specific injector conditions, and explore new forcing parameters (dimensionless frequency and amplitude)**
  - Identify natural frequencies of reacting coaxial jets
  - Determine forcing conditions at which the reacting flow is receptive to acoustics
  - Characterize the heat release response within the receptive regime
- **Preliminary cold flow “shakedown” data demonstrates receptivity dependency on frequency and amplitude**





# Backup slides

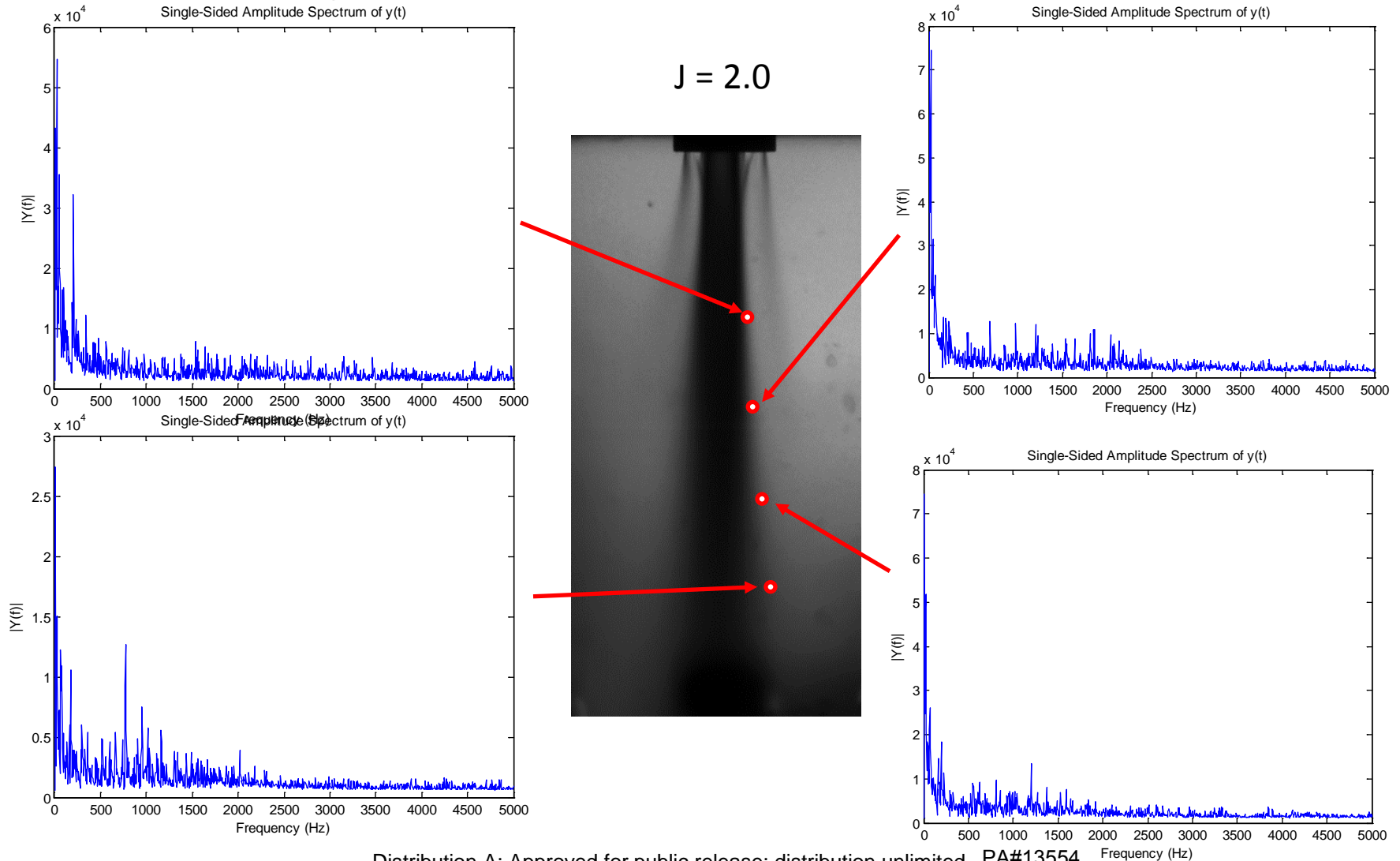




# Unforced Coaxial Jets



- Frequency depends on location

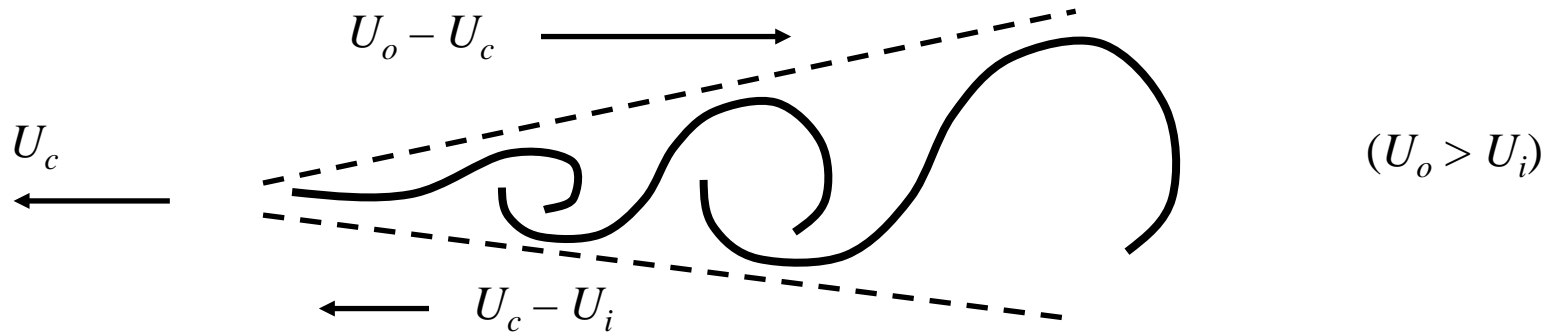




# Convection Velocity

Convective Shear Layer Velocity by Dimotakis (1986)

Vortex Frame of Reference



- Bernoulli's equation

- A stagnation point must exist between vortices. Therefore, along a line through this point, dynamic pressures are approximately equal.

$$\rho_o(U_o - U_c) \approx \rho_i(U_c - U_i)$$

$$U_c = \frac{U_o \rho_o^{1/2} + U_i \rho_i^{1/2}}{\rho_o^{1/2} + \rho_i^{1/2}}$$

$$St = \frac{f_{nat} D}{U_c}$$



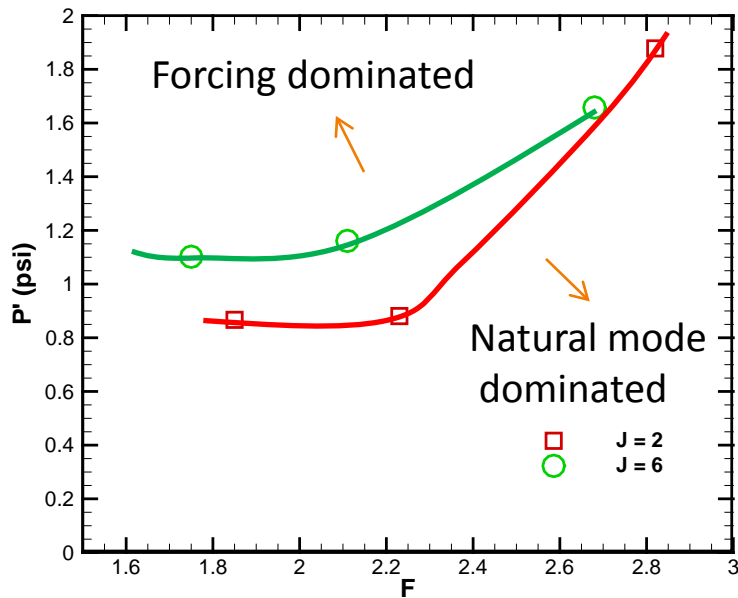
If  $St$ ,  $D$ ,  $U_c$  are held constant then  $f_{nat}$  may be constant.



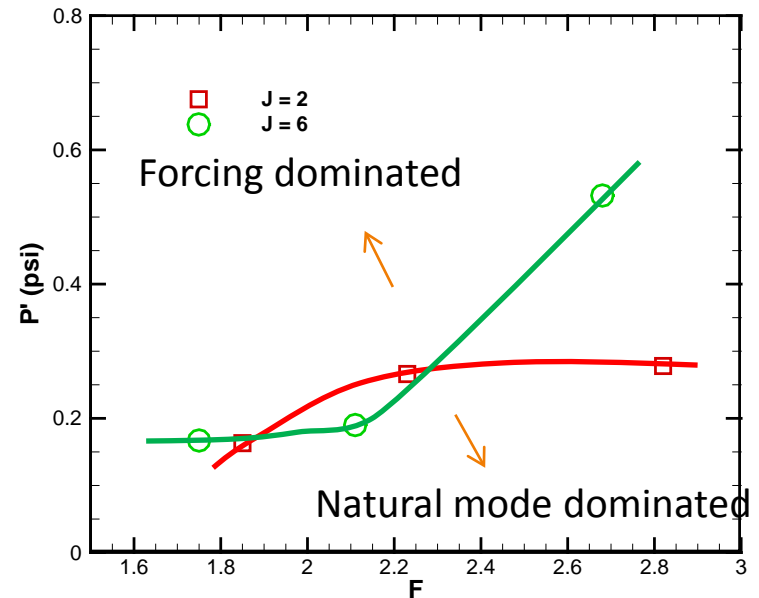
# Frequency Dependence



Pressure antinode



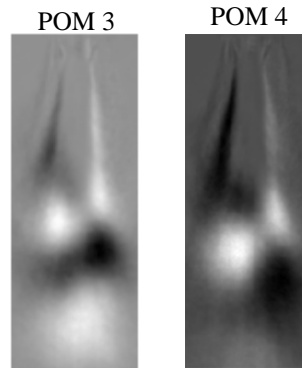
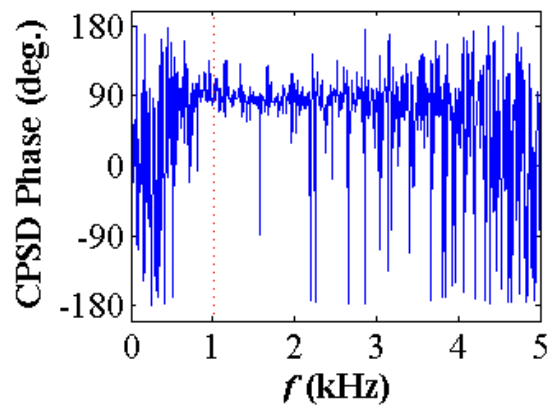
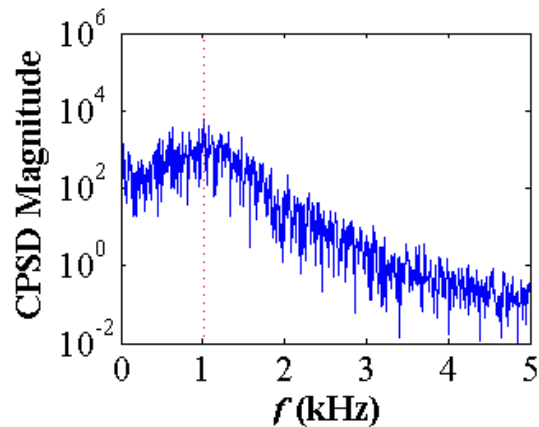
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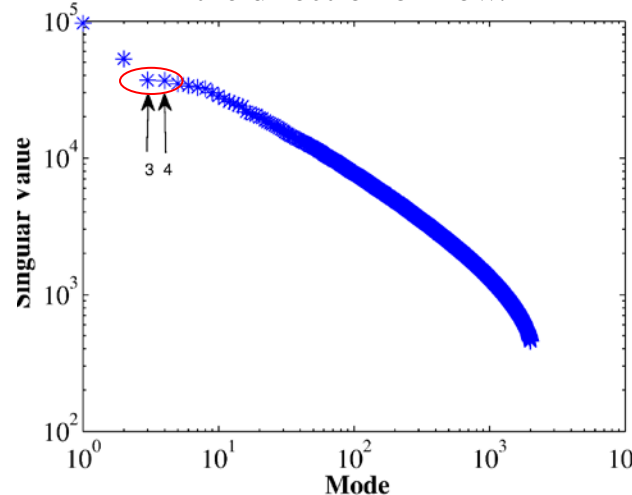


# Convective Mode from POD

- Proper Orthogonal Decomposition
  - To identify traveling, coherent structures, a conjugate mode pair is identified as any two modes whose CPSD magnitude peaks near a phase of  $\pm 90^\circ$ .<sup>12</sup>



POMs 3 & 4 exhibit the same flow structure, shifted by  $90^\circ$  in the direction of flow.



⇒ Proper orthogonal modes (POMs) 3 & 4 were found to be the **most energetic conjugate pair**.

⇒ The natural mode is represented by POMs 3 & 4.

⇒ The natural mode spans a band of frequencies rather than a single peak frequency.

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